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Gaining Access to Independent Living

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Petition for Eligibility pursuant to 83
Ill. Adm. Code 755, Section 210

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Now comes the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Staff") and submits this response to the Petition filed by Gaining Access to Independent Living ("GAIL-CIL" or "Petitioner") on March 6, 2000, for designation as an organization eligible to receive a Text Telephone (TT).

Section 13-703(d) of the Public Utilities Act ("the Act") states:

The Commission shall determine and specify those organizations serving the needs of those persons having a hearing or speech disability that shall receive a telecommunications device and in which office the equipment shall be installed in the case of an organization having more than one office. For the purposes of this Section, "organizations serving the needs of those persons with hearing or speech disabilities" means centers for independent living as described in Section 12a of the Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act and not-for-profit organizations whose primary purpose is serving the needs of those persons with hearing or speech disabilities. The Commission shall direct the telecommunications carriers subject to its jurisdiction and this Section to comply with its determinations and specifications in this regard.

The GAIL-CIL is a not-for-profit corporation formed under the laws of the State of Illinois. The GAIL-CIL is not owned or operated by any political subdivision, public institution of higher learning, state agency, or municipal corporation of this State. The GAIL-CIL is a center for independent living as defined in Section 13-703(d) and promotes independent living for all persons with disabilities. The GAIL-CIL strives to encourage and assist persons with disabilities to gain effective control of their lives by participation in all aspects of society to their fullest extent possible. The GAIL-CIL also strives to stimulate and promote a growing sense of personal dignity through consumer control, community awareness and participation.

In response to the information provided by the Petitioner, it is Staff's opinion that the GAIL-CIL meets the statutory test for designation as a TT recipient organization.

WHEREFORE, Staff does not seek a hearing in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cindy Jackson".

Cindy Jackson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Services Division

VERIFICATION

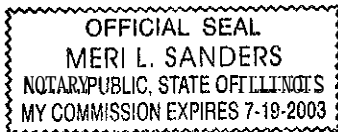
I, Cindy Jackson, first being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am the Staff Liaison in the Consumer Services Division, that I have read the above and foregoing Response to Petition, and that the facts and matters set forth therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


~~Cindy Jackson, Staff Liaison~~
Consumer Services Division

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 21st day of March, 2000.



(Notary Public)



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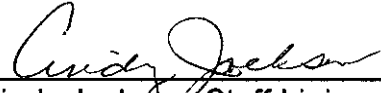
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NOTICE OF FILING

TO: SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have on this 21st day of March, 2000, forwarded to the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, for filing in the above docket, a Response to Petition filed by Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission, copies of which are hereby served upon you.


Cindy Jackson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Services Division

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the foregoing Notice, together with the documents referred to therein, were served upon the parties on the attached Service List, by first class mail, proper postage prepaid, from Springfield, Illinois on this 21st day of March, 2000.


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